

Amendments to the specification:

On page 1, line 6, please amend the heading as follows:

Prior Art Background of the Invention

On page 2, line 8, please amend the heading as follows:

Advantages Summary of the Invention

On page 2, please amend the paragraphs contained in lines 10-25 as follows:

The electric machine according to the invention, ~~with the defining characteristics of the first independent claim,~~ has the advantage that moving the electrical connection between the winding ends of the stator winding and the rectifier to a position underneath the voltage regulator assembly enables, for purposes of cooling the rectifier, a larger flow cross-section, permitting a greater volumetric flow through the rectifier. As a result, the rectifier is better cooled, which allows greater demand to be placed on the electric machine as a whole.

~~The steps taken in the dependent claims permit advantageous modifications of the electric machine as recited in the first independent claim. If the electrical connection is partially situated between the stator winding and a generator end plate and is in addition, advantageously placed beneath a support, then on the one hand, the stator with the electrical connection can be inserted~~

into the generator end plate with particular ease because there are no obstacles. The placement beneath a support also makes it possible to achieve a vibration-absorbing embodiment.

On page 5, line 10, please amend the heading as follows:

Brief Description of the Drawings

On page 5, line 30, please amend the heading as follows:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

On page 18, please amend the abstract of the disclosure as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

An electric machine, in particular an alternator for motor vehicles, includes having a stator (16), which supports a stator winding (18) that has winding ends (78), having a voltage regulator assembly (65), and having a rectifier. The electrical connection between the winding ends (78) and the rectifier is situated underneath the voltage regulator assembly (65). A stator for an electric machine, in particular for an alternator for motor vehicles, includes having a stator (16), which supports a stator winding (18) that has winding ends (78). The winding ends (78) are connected to an additional conductor element (80), which joins a plurality of individual wires of the winding ends (78) together by means of a clamp-like junction region (81) and is embodied in the form of a sheet metal part.

(Fig. 4)